

# MEDICARE PAYMENT *for COVID-19 Vaccination Administration in the Home*

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**Effective June 8, 2021, in addition to the current payment amount, Medicare will pay an additional amount of \$35 per dose for administering the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine in the home for certain Medicare patients that have difficulties leaving their homes or are hard-to-reach.**

Medicare will pay the \$35 amount in addition to the standard administration amount (approximately \$40 per dose), for a total payment of approximately \$75 for a single-dose vaccine or \$150 for both doses of a 2-dose vaccine. We also geographically adjust the additional amount and administration rate based on where you administer the vaccine.

## Examples of Patient Situations for which the Additional Payment Amount Applies<sup>1</sup>:

- The patient has a condition that makes them more susceptible to contracting a pandemic disease such as COVID-19.
- The patient is generally unable to leave the home, and if they do leave home it requires a considerable and taxing effort.
- The patient has a disability or faces clinical, socioeconomic, or geographical barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in settings other than their home.
- The patient faces challenges that significantly reduce their ability to get vaccinated outside the home, such as challenges with transportation, communication, or caregiving.

## EXAMPLES OF PAYMENT FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

Location	Payment for vaccine administration	Payment for additional in-home rate	Expected Patient Cost-Sharing
 A private residence	✓	✓	No Charge to Patient
 Temporary lodging (for example, a hotel or motel, campground, hostel, or homeless shelter)	✓	✓	No Charge to Patient
 An apartment in an apartment complex or a unit in an assisted living facility or group home	✓	✓	No Charge to Patient
 A Medicare patient's home that's made provider-based to a hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency	✓	✓	No Charge to Patient
 Communal space of a multi-unit living arrangement	✓	X	No Charge to Patient
 Inpatient Hospital, Medicare skilled nursing facility <sup>2</sup> , or Medicaid nursing facility	✓	X	No Charge to Patient
 Outpatient Hospital, Physician Office, or Clinic	✓	X	No Charge to Patient
 Patient Assisted living facility participating in the CDC's Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program <sup>3</sup> when their residents are vaccinated through this program	✓	X	No Charge to Patient

<sup>1</sup>You must document the patient's clinical status or the barriers they face to getting the vaccine outside the home. More information is available online in the [Provider Toolkit](#).

<sup>2</sup>CMS will continue to exercise [enforcement discretion](#) to allow Medicare-enrolled immunizers working within their scope of practice and applicable state law to bill directly and receive direct reimbursement from the Medicare program for administering COVID-19 vaccines to Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility residents.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html>

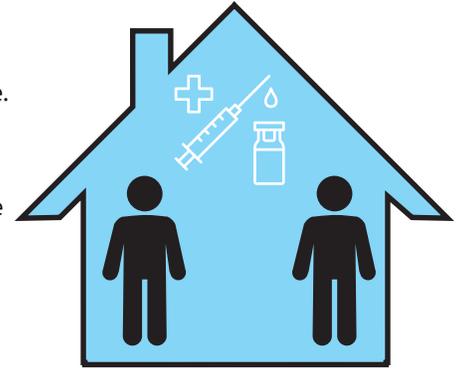
## What Other Restrictions Apply?

Medicare only pays the additional amount for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home if the sole purpose of the visit is to administer a COVID-19 vaccine. Medicare doesn't pay the additional amount if you provide another Medicare service in the same home on the same date. In those situations, Medicare pays approximately \$40 per dose for administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day, Medicare pays:

- The additional payment amount of approximately \$35 only once per date of service in that home
- Approximately \$40 to administer each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

*For example, if you administer a single-dose vaccine on the same date to 2 Medicare patients in the same home, Medicare pays approximately \$115 (\$35 for the in-home vaccine administration rate plus 2 x \$40 for each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine).*



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**\$35 + (2 x \$40) = \$115**

## Billing for the Additional Payment for Administering the Vaccine in the Patient's Home

### Coding

- **DO** use the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code for the product and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
- **DO** use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code M0201 for the additional payment rate for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home



### Billing

- **DO** bill for the additional in-home payment amount if the sole purpose of the visit is to administer a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **DO** bill additional payment amount only once per home per date of service.
- **DON'T** bill for the additional amount more than once if you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day.

### Roster Billing

- If you submit roster bills for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home, you must submit 2 roster bills:
  - A roster bill containing the appropriate CPT code for the product and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
  - A second roster bill containing the HCPCS Level II code (M0201) for the additional in-home payment amount
- You may submit a single set of roster bills (one containing M0201 and another containing the appropriate CPT code) for multiple Medicare patients who get the COVID-19 vaccine in their individual units of a multi-unit living arrangement.

